

HEALTH CARE RESOURCE DISPLAYS

Thursday, October 15, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CIMRO of Nebraska

CIMRO of Nebraska is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for the state of Nebraska. CIMRO of Nebraska contracts with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to work with health care providers to improve the quality of care delivered to people with Medicare, including assisting physicians and staff in hospitals, nursing homes, homecare agencies, prescription drug plans and physician offices to improve quality through the use of system and process changes. CIMRO of Nebraska staff work throughout Nebraska to assist clinical staff in their efforts to improve quality of care for Nebraska's Medicare beneficiaries. CIMRO of Nebraska is dedicated to making Nebraska's health care the best in the nation.

Nebraska Association of Health Care Quality, Risk and Safety (NAHQRS)

The Nebraska Association of Health Care Quality, Risk and Safety (AHQRS) is a Nebraska non-profit public benefit corporation. Its mission is to improve and enhance health care quality, and to promote the development of professionals in health care.

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

The stated purpose of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects, and the Engineers and Architects Regulations Act is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public through compliance of the Act and education of the public.

Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII)

Chris Henkenius, Project Manager

NeHII, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a public/private governance model that includes health care providers, payers, and the State of Nebraska. NeHII is a statewide Health Information Exchange designed to share clinical and administrative data among providers in Nebraska and neighboring states. NeHII's purpose is to achieve health care transformation through community betterment collaboration while protecting the security and privacy of medical information. For further information, visit www.nehii.org.

Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership (NHPCP)

As the state's hospice association, the Nebraska Hospice and Palliative Care Partnership (NHPCP) is a collaborative effort of more than 50 organizations with an interest in good care for terminally and chronically ill Nebraskans. Established as a 501(c)3 community betterment non-profit organization 25 years ago, the NHPCP includes Nebraska hospices, community end-of-life coalitions, long-term care facilities, and other health and elder-care organizations such as the Nebraska Hospital Association, the Nebraska Health Care Association and the Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains. NHPCP is a member agency of Community Health Charities of Nebraska.

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National Library of Medicine

The National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health, seeks to provide free health information for health professionals and consumers. Multiple Web sites and resources are available to hospitals at no cost. These include the Web sites of MedlinePlus.gov and PubMed.gov, and also resources for locating free and low-cost journal articles, Distance Education tutorials, E-books for hospital librarians and promotional materials. Stop by the booth to learn more about these and additional *free* resources.

Project Linus

Delores Lintel, Coordinator

Project Linus started on Christmas Eve 1995 when Karen Loucks of Denver read an article in *Parade* magazine about a little girl who was going through intensive chemotherapy. The article described how her security blanket had helped her get through the treatments. Karen decided to provide homemade security blankets to the Denver Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center...and Project Linus was born. It is now a nationwide organization with hundreds of chapters. The mission of Project Linus is to provide the feeling of security, comfort and love to any child who is ill, has had surgery, has been neglected or abused in any way, or is experiencing some traumatic situation in their life. This is accomplished by giving the child a soft, comfortable blanket, quilt or afghan to hug for comfort. We want each child to know that we care and want to give them a hug when they need it most. Our blankets, quilts and afghans are distributed to the many hospitals across the state of Nebraska, many social service agencies—anywhere a child is hurting, abused, neglected or afraid.

Quest for Excellence Displays

Each year, Nebraska hospitals are invited to participate in the Quest for Excellence Award. This award is given to one Critical Access Hospital and one non-Critical Access Hospital to recognize them for their efforts in improving the quality of care provided at their facilities. All hospitals that submit applications are invited to share their quality initiatives at the NHA Annual Convention. Stop by the Quest for Excellence Displays table to see the award winners and to learn about the innovate and successful quality practices underway in Nebraska.

Rural Comprehensive Care Network (RCCN)

Joleen TenHulzen, Executive Director and Nikki Gohring, Data Manager

The Rural Comprehensive Care Network of Nebraska (RCCN) is a non-profit organization consisting of the South East Rural Physician Alliance and Blue River Valley Health Care Network. RCCN strives to focus on health care systems working together to provide high quality health care in our communities. RCCN is one of approximately 50 organizations across the United States that is an approved vendor of the CAHPS Hospital Survey. The company has been administering the survey to rural Nebraska hospitals for almost three years. In addition to the HCAHPS Survey, RCCN also supplies Patient Satisfaction Surveys for both the hospital and clinic settings, employee satisfaction surveys, home health surveys, long-term care/nursing home surveys, physician satisfaction surveys and community perception surveys. Additional services offered include an Occupational Health and Safety Program and a mobile screening unit, as well as peer review services.

Wisconsin Physicians Service Medicare (WPS)

Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (WPS) is one of the largest Medicare contractors in the nation. million claims per year. WPS is the MAC for Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.